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SUBJECT: GREEK PRESS REACTION TO SINAI AGREEMENT

1. MOST ATHENS NEWSPAPERS SEPTEMBER 2 AND 3
AFFORDED PROMINENT TREATMENT TO INITIALLING OF
SINAI AGREEMENT. THESE ACCOUNTS PROVIDED FAIRLY
FACTUAL TREATMENT TO STORY INCLUDING REACTIONS IN
U.S. AND ABROAD. THE REPRESENTATIVE HEADLINES
WHICH FOLLOW AFFORD CLEAR VIEW OF "SLANT" WHICH
INDIVIDUAL NEWSPAERS TOOK IN PRESENTING THE STORY.

2. SEPTEMBER 2 PRESS: CRADYNI (CONSERVATIVE,
PRO-GOVERNMENT) - "NEW AGREEMENT LESSENS LIKELIHOOD
OF WAR"; APOYEVMATINI (PRO-GOVERNMENT) - "PETROLEUM
OF SINAI AGAIN WITH EGYPT "; ATHINAIKI (PASOK SUPPORTER) -
"THE AGREEMENT IS A DIRTY PLOT". SEPTEMBER 3 PRESS:
ATHINAIKI - "AGREEMENT INITIALED: QADHAFI SAYS
PALESTINE IS BETRAYED"; ELEFTHERTOTYPIA (INDEPENDENT)-
"ARABS CONDEMN SADAT FOR THE AGREEMENT"; TA NEA
(LIBERAL, OPPOSITION) - "TOGETHER WITH QADHAFI
ARABS WILL FIGHT THE AGREEMENT"; KATHIMERINI (CONSERVATIVE,
PRO-GOVERNMENT) - "PEACE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT
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IS RESTORED"; TO VIMA (LIBERAL, OPPOSITION) -
"KISSINGER COMMENCES NEW NEGOTIATIONS FOR PAX AMERICANA
IN MID-EAST"; RIZOSPASTIS (COMMUNIST-EXTERIOR) -
"DESPITE TRIUMPHANT TONES OF WESTERN PRESS,
AGREEMENT DOES NOT SECURE PRECONDITIONS FOR STABLE
PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST".

3. ALMOST ALL PAPERS CARRY STORY IN PROMINENT BACK
PAGE LOCATION WITH EXCEPTION OF KATHIMERINI WHICH
PLACED IT ON FRONT PAGE ACCOMPANIED BY PHOTOGRAPH OF
SECRETARY KISSINGER AT SIGNING CEREMONY WITH
EGYPTIAN PRIME MINISTER. NO EDITORIALS HAVE YET
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